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Edinburgb, 9. November 1648.



HE Committee of Estates taking into their consideration that the putting of disaffected and Malignant persons in places of trust or power in the severall Shires and Burghs of the Kingdom, And the exercising of that Power to the prejudice of the cause and disturbance of the Peace; Hath occasioned all those present evils unto this Kingdom, And considering that by their former Acts of the 22. of Sept. and fourth of Octob. last, all persons who had been employed in any publick place or trust, and had been accessory to the late Engagement, or who have subscribed the Bond, or sworn, or subscribed any Oath or Declaration for prosecuting thereof, should forbear the exercise of their places, And be excluded from sitting in Counsells, Committees or other publick Iudicatories as Members or Clerks, Therefore the Committee doth hereby Statute and Ordain, That all Sheiriffs, Bailies of Regalities, Stuarts of Stuartries and their deputies, Magistrates of Burghs, Bailies of Burghs of Barronies, or any other publick Judge, Minister or Officer either in Burgh or Landward, All Shireff Clerks, Clerks of Stuartries Regalities, Burghs or of Committees of VVarde who have been accessory to the late Engagement, and are culpable of the Crymes contained in the said Acts, shall forbear all exercise of their places or trust untill the next ensuing Parliament, and that further order be taken thereanent, And that all persons guilty as aforesaid be discharged from exercising any publick place or trust, VVithout prejudice alwayes to such Lords of Regalities, Stewarts of Stuartries, and others who have power to make their Bailies, Deputies, or Clerks, and are free of the Crymes aforesaid, to substitute others well-affected and qualified Bailies Deputies, and Clerks in the places of these vacant as aforesaid, But where the persons having Power of making Deputies and Clerks are culpable of the same faults and Crymes, for which their Deputies and Clerks are hereby ordained to be removed, In that case the Committees of VVarde of the severall Shires are to Represent the same to the Committee of Estates, who will take such further Course for appointing others in the places so vacant as they shall think fit, and Ordains these presents to be published at the Mercat Crosse of *Edinburgb*, and also to be Printed.

Tho. HENDERSON.

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HE Commune of Estates taking into their consideration what
the burning of淫物 and Magistrates before the King
using of power in the several States and Burghs of the King
now. And the exercizing of their Power to the prejudice of the
same and diffusione of the Peace; Hys occassione all the
privilegia etatis in this Kingdom. And concerning that by their
former Act of 1525 October and fourth of Octo. 1525. all the
who had pecunia impokeyd in any burgh place of this said land
peyn accually to the laste Exchequer or who have uppald
the Bound or bound, or by cyped in the Court of Decouverte
should forfeite the exercize of their place. And by exercizing how much in County
Commune of other publick Inquisitions as Merchants, Travellers, Servitors
and others by Statute and Ordinance That shall shew
of chancery and their deffenses, Misdemeanors of Burghs, Burghs of Burghs.
All
such other publick Inquiries Ministers of Ordinances in behalf of Lasswaid. All
such Clerke, Clerkes of Chancery, Clerkes of Exchequer, Clerkes of County
who have pecunia impokeyd in the Exchequer or in County
tyme given to the King, shall forfeite the exercize of their place to the King until he exacte
from them payment and their further order be taken thereon. And that all persons having
as stoleng by chancery or by publick place or by County Clerke in the
service to such Clerkes Debuties, Servitors of Chancery, and officers who have power
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other well alleged and daulied Clerkes Debuties and Clerke in the place of Clerkes
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at the exchesse of the same fynes and Clerkes for which their Clerkes and Clerkes are
hereby ordained to be recovered. In this case the Commune of Aylre of the several
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where beroles to be applied at the Mercet College of Ardingly, and also to the Peper
the burning of淫物 and Magistrates in the Court of Ardingly, and also to the Peper

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